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SUBJ: UN FINANCE: FIFTH COMMITTEE CONTINUES GENERAL DEBATE

AND APPROVES SECTION 19. OF PROGRAM BUDGET

REF: A) USUN 4775, B) STATE A-6183, C) STATE 235942

1. SUMMARY: GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY REPS OF PORTUGAL, ECUADOR, UKRAINIAN SSR, AUSTRIA, SPAIN AND ARGENTINA. COMMITTEE THEN APPROVED \$5,080,600 UNDER BUDGET SECTION 19, BY VOTE OF 71-0-10. END SUMMARY.

2. IN BRIEF, INCISIVE STATEMENT PORTUGAL DEL URGED SYG TO LIMIT EXPENDITURES TO ACTUAL RECEIPTS AND TO TRIM FAT FROM UN BUREAUCRACY WHICH IS GOBBLING UP MOST OF UN BUDGET. SHE ALSO SUPPORTED SOV POSITION THAT FIXED TERM CONTRACTS ARE PREFERABLE TO LIFETIME CAREER APPOINTMENTS. ON THE OTHER HAND, SHE POINTED FINGER AT SOVS BY STATING ANY INCREASE IN WORKING CAPITAL FUND SHOULD NOT BE USED TO HIDE REAL CAUSE OF DEFICIT.

3. ECUADOR DEL REFLECTED SOV LINE THAT ADDITIONAL UN EXPENDITURES CAUSED BY INFLATION SHOULD BE ABSORBED BY INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES WHICH ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR INFLATION, BUT SHE ALSO OPPOSED CONCEPT OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FULL BUDGETING. ECUADOR DEL SUPPORTED RECOMMENDATIONS OF WORKING

GROUP OF PROGRAM AND BUDGET MACHINERY AND GAVE SPECIAL PLUG FOR EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE TO DETERMINE EFFECTIVENESS.

4. UKRAIN DEL IN LONG HARANGUE DEVOTED PRIMARILY TO PERSONNEL QUESTIONS, HAD LITTLE TO ADD TO WELL-KNOWN SOV POSITIONS. HE PROPOSED THAT JIU SHOULD STUDY UTILIZATION OF UN STAFF.

5. AUSTRIA DEL SAID DOUBLING OF WORKING CAPITAL FUND MIGHT TEMPORARILY ASSIST SYG WITH CASH PROBLEMS, BUT WOULD NOT SOLVE BASIC PROBLEM. SHE SAID "ALL COUNTRIES CONCERNED SHOULD REVIEW THEIR POLICIES." AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT RELUCTANTLY SUPPORTS FULL BUDGETING, BUT URGES SYG NOT TO USE FUNDS SET ASIDE TO COVER FUTURE INFLATION AS A "BUILT-IN RESERVE." AUSTRIA DEL COMPLIMENTED WORK OF JIU AND URGED IMPLEMENTATION OF PERTRAND RECOMMENDATIONS ON MEDIUM-TERM PLANNING WHICH WERE ENDORSED BY ACABQ, AS WELL AS RECOMMENDATION OF WORKING GROUP ON BUDGET MACHINERY.

6. SPANISH DEL SAID COMMITTEE SHOULD REFLECT ON NEED FOR INCREASE IN INCOME FOR ORGANIZATION AS WELL AS DECREASE IN EXPENDITURES BY ELIMINATING ALL NONESSENTIALS: ON TECHNIQUES OF EVALUATION, HE AGREED WITH PARA 74 OF WORKING GROUP REPORT (A/10117). SPANISH DEL SUPPORTED REDUCTION IN NUMBER OF 826 NEW POSTS REQUESTED AND OPPOSED TRANSFER OF POSTS FROM VOLUNTARY FUNDS TO REGULAR BUDGET. SAID MEDIUM TERM PLAN IN A/10006/ADD.1 WAS IMPROVEMENT, BUT MUCH WORK NEEDED TO BE DONE; OVERALL INTEGRAL APPROACH IS CORRECT.

7. ARGENTINA DEL AGREED WITH OTHERS THAT PB AND MTP WERE IMPROVEMENT; THEY SHOULD BE EXAMINED IN ALTERNATE YEARS. HE REQUESTED REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF JIU RECOMMENDATIONS; SUPPORTED REDUCTIONS PROPOSED BY ACABQ AND SHARED OTHERS' VIEWS THAT FULL BUDGETING SHOULD BE APPROACHED WITH CAUTION. HE COMPLIMENTED WORKING GROUP REPORT ON PROGRAM AND BUDGET MACHINERY (A/10017) AND ASKED FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS RECOMMENDATIONS, ESPECIALLY CONCERNING RESTRUCTURING OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AREAS OF UN.

8. SECTION 19--INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE:

CHAIRMAN, IN INTRODUCING SECTION 19, SAID SYG HAD PROPOSED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BUDGET FOR BIENNIUM 1976/77 IN AMOUNT OF \$5,197,000, AND THE ACABQ RECOMMENDED A REDUCTION OF \$116,00 PLUS A FURTHER REDUCTION FOR REPRESENTATION ALLOWANCES OF \$400, BRINGING TOTAL AMOUNT FOR SECTION RECOMMENDED BY ACABQ TO \$5,080,600. CHAIRMAN ACABQ EXPLAINED ACABQ REDUCTIONS AND ADDED THAT ESTIMATES GIVEN IN A/10006 WERE ACTUALLY REQUIREMENTS GIVEN BY ICJ, NOT SYG. SHORT STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY REPS OF GREECE, ARGENTINA, PHILIPPINES, ALGERIA, BELGIUM, ITALY AND US--ALL GENERALLY SUPPORTED RECOMMENDA-

TIONS OF ACABQ. US(BACHE) DELIVERED STATEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH
DEPT'S A-6183 AND STATE 235942.

9. CHAIRMAN OF ACABQ, IN RESPONSE TO GREEK QUESTION, SAID SENIOR
FIRST SECRETARY OF ICJ SINCE 1968 HAS PROVIDED INFORMATION RE
COURT ARISING FROM DEMANDS OF GOVTS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.
HOWEVER, ACABQ DID NOT THINK COURT'S REQUEST FOR D-1 POST FOR
THIS COMBINED ACTIVITY WAS WARRANTED, SINCE UN'S OFFICE OF PUBLIC
INFORMATION COULD SUPPLY COURT'S INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS.

10. DIRECTOR OF BUDGET LAVAU RESPONDED TO US(S REQUEST FOR
CLARIFICATION ABOUT REPRESENTATION AND TRAVEL COSTS BY SAYING
REPRESENTATION WAS AT STANDARD LEVEL FOR ALL D-2'S. ACABQ
HAD RECOMMENDED CUT IN REPRESENTATION, AND THOUGH THERE
WAS A DECREASE IN TRAVEL, THERE WAS INCREASE IN COSTS
DUE TO INFLATION.

11. COMMITTEE APPROVED BY VOTE OF 71-0-10(ABSTENTIONS SOV BLOC
INCLUDING ROMANIA), AND AMOUNT OF \$5,080,600 UNDER SECTION 19
FOR BIENNIUM 1976/77 IN FIRST READING.

12. THERE WILL BE TWO MEETINGS OCTOBER 8: GENERAL DEBATE STATE-
MENTS IN MORNING AND SECTIONS 20 AND 22 IN
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